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Please see attached letter.

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January 11, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen, I write you regarding the recent Microsoft settlement. It is foolish, to me, to continue to dissect an agreement that has been meticulously negotiated for three years. How can it be, that there may be further litigation on this subject? The terms that have been outlined are in the interest of the entire IT sector and can only benefit our position in this highly competitive global market.

The many concessions that Microsoft has made in this settlement are directed toward promoting non-Microsoft software. This alone, shows that Microsoft is working in the interest of our entire technology industry. Some of the major changes they are willing to make include licensing, marketing and even future design. Using these terms as a guideline to get back to business is helpful to the consumer, the IT sector and our economy as a whole.

Please help to get this settlement moving forward. We need these guidelines to help pull our IT sector together to be productive in this global market. Let's make sure that there be no more litigation against this settlement. I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Janet Smith